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ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir/Madam:

This is response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 7, 2003. In that Office Action, a Restriction was set forth under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the inventions of Group I (claim 1), and Group II (claims 2-5). In response, Applicant elects to pursue the invention of Group II without traverse.

Having thus addressed the Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner, consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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